

## SUBCHAPTER C—SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION

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#### **§101.1 Signal stations at the Canal entrances.**

The Panama Canal Commission maintains established signal stations at both the Atlantic and Pacific entrances of the Canal. A vessel arriving at the Canal must communicate with the signal station which is located at the entrance of the Canal at which that vessel arrives. Vessels required to be equipped with a radiotelephone pursuant to Part 123 of this subchapter must, upon arrival, communicate with the appropriate signal station on Channel 12, 156.000 MHz. All other vessels may use International Code and flashing light. Such stations are also utilized to assist in control of traffic within Panama Canal waters.

CROSS REFERENCE: See Part 123 for provisions respecting radio communication by vessels prior to arrival and while they are in Panama Canal waters.

#### **§101.2 Boarding of arriving vessels.**

(a) Unless otherwise directed, all arriving vessels will anchor in designated anchorages to await instructions. No person other than boarding officials of the Panama Canal Commission and the Republic of Panama may go on board

or leave any vessel until such vessel has been entered by the Commission and where applicable, by the Republic of Panama.

(b) Arriving vessels that are subject to inspection for compliance with Panama Canal shipping and navigation regulations will normally be boarded upon arrival inside the breakwater at the Atlantic entrance of the Canal or off the seaward end of the dredged, marked channel at the Pacific entrance. When such vessels are not boarded immediately upon arrival, they shall anchor in a designated anchorage area and await the boarding official. Weather and sea conditions permitting, the boarding of vessels may take place outside of these areas. Boarding will be performed by a Commission boarding official in accordance with the procedures established under this part.

(c) Admeasurement functions shall be performed on arriving vessels either while at anchor or during transit.

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#### **§101.3 Definition and functions of the boarding officer.**

(a) Boarding officer means any official or employee of the Panama Canal Commission who is duly assigned the functions of a boarding officer, including admeasurement and sanitation.

(b) The Commission boarding officer shall perform the functions of admeasurer for the purpose of determining Panama Canal tolls and shall make inspection for the purpose of insuring compliance with Panama Canal shipping, navigation and sanitation regulations.

#### **§101.4 Measurement of vessel making maiden transit.**

A vessel that arrives after 8 p.m. and is to make her maiden transit will normally be admeasured on the following day.

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